

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON LAW & LICENSING

April 8, 2014 - 2:00 p.m.
Common Council Chambers, City Hall

Members Present: Chairperson Ald. Jodi VanderWeele, Ald. Susan Lessard, Ald. Scott Lewandoske, Ald. Bill Thiel

Excused: Vice Chairperson Ald. Kevin Matichuk

Others in Attendance: Assistant City Attorney Charles C. Adams, Lt. Douglas Teunissen, Patricia Sherman-Cisler, Carrie K. Sedlar, Jessica M. Quasius

Chairperson VanderWeele called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction of committee members, staff and guests.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held March 25, 2014 was made by Ald. Lessard and seconded by Ald. Thiel. **All ayes; motion approved.**

R.O. No. 294-13-14 (3-3-14) – Various License Applications: Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 0306 (Heather L. Masterson)

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

Heather L. Masterson failed to appear before the committee. Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to deny the license application based upon Ms. Masterson's failure to accurately reveal all relevant convictions on her taxicab operator's license application and her failure to cooperate with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

R.O. No. 313-13-14 (3-17-14) – Various License Applications: Change of Premise-Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 2726-John Michael Kohler Arts Center); Bev. Op. Lic. App. Nos. 0322 (Jennifer L. Paton), 0319 (Carrie K. Sedlar); Taxicab Op. Lic. App. Nos. 8429 (Panfilo Escobar), 9090 (Jessica M. Quasius), 0328 (Peter J. Van Dixhorn)

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Patricia Sherman-Cisler of the John Michael Kohler Arts Center appeared before the committee. She indicated that they only intended to include the terrace area and also outside the front doors where patrons might step outside to smoke. Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to approve the change of premise application for dates 5/10/14 through 10/9/14 with a modification to the application to cover the terrace area and not the entire block. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Jennifer L. Paton did not appear, but had contacted the City Attorney's Office to indicate that she was unable to appear. Ms. Paton was advised that she would need to appear at the next meeting in April. Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to hold the application until the April 29th meeting and to call in Ms. Paton by regular mail. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Carrie K. Sedlar appeared before the committee to discuss her application. After discussion of her record, Ald. Lewandoske moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant the license with instructions to correct the application. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Panfilo Escobar did not appear, but had contacted the City Attorney's Office to indicate that he was unable to appear. Mr. Escobar was advised that he would need to appear at the next meeting in April. Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to hold the application until the April 29th meeting and to call in Mr. Escobar by regular mail. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Jessica M. Quasius appeared before the committee to discuss her application. After discussion of her record and her failure to include a violation on her application, Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Peter J. Van Dixhorn did not appear, but had contacted the City Attorney's Office to indicate that he was unable to appear. Mr. Van Dixhorn was advised that he would need to appear at the next meeting in April. Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to hold the application until the April 29th meeting and to call in Mr. Van Dixhorn by regular mail. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Possible action regarding Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 2988-Thai Lotus I (Bounlelung Vatsana, Owner)

Bounlelung Vatsana failed to appear before the committee to discuss the matter relating to ongoing noise complaints at Thai Lotus. Lt. Teunissen indicated that since December the police department has received nine phone calls regarding noise. Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Lewandoske, to request that Mr. Vatsana voluntarily surrender the alcohol beverage license for a period of ten consecutive business days within seven days. **All ayes; motion approved.**

R.O. No. 333-13-14 (4-2-14) – Various License Applications

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0330 (Hanaa H. Askalani). **Three ayes and one nay (Ald. Lewandoske); motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0339 (Jennifer M. Freeland) to discuss her application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0338 (Jessica J. Gutierrez) to discuss her application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Lewandoske, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 5584 (Aaron M. Rider) to discuss his application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Lewandoske, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 8118 (Samuel Sawall) to discuss his application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0305 (Tamara C. Thompson) to discuss her application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 0337 (Lilibeth Velez) to discuss her application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. VanderWeele, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 0331 (Kendrick L. Williams). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant the remainder of the license applications for individuals and entities listed on the above-referenced R.O. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Discussion and possible action regarding law violations that may require future action by the Committee

Lt. Teunissen reported on a March 31, 2014 accident involving a Best Taxi driven by Ricardo Rios. Mr. Rios reported the accident as required and no action will be taken by the committee.

Ald. Lessard made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Thiel seconded the motion. **All ayes; motion approved.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned sine die at 2:34 p.m.

The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on April 29, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers located at City Hall, 828 Center Avenue.